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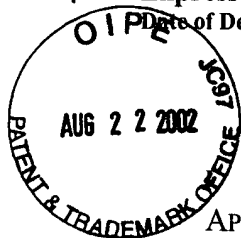
PATENT APPLICATION
Attorney Docket No. 15966-557 CIP2
(Cura-57 CIP2)

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS : Jeffers, *et al.*

SERIAL NUMBER : 09/817,814

EXAMINER : Christine Saoud

FILING DATE : March 26, 2001

ART UNIT : 1647

FOR : Novel Fibroblast Growth Factor and Nucleic Acids Encoding Same

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to the May 23, 2002, Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before August 23, 2002. A check in the amount of \$200.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-557 CIP2 (CURA-57 CIP2). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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